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SUBJ: GARBA SAYS KENYA-UGANDA CRISIS ENGINEERED BY EXTERNAL FORCES

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1. EXTAFF COMMISSIONER GARBA, BACK FROM PEACE MISSION TO KENYA, UGANDA AND TANZANIA, TOLD AIRPORT REPORTERS JULY 18 THAT KENYA-UGANDA CRISIS APPEARS TO BE PART OF GRAND DESIGN BY "EXTERNAL FORCES" TO SET AFRICAN COUNTRIES AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. HE WARNED THAT "FOREIGN ELEMENT" IN KENYA-UGANDA RIFT WOULD MAKE SETTLEMENT DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, SAID GARBA, KENYANS

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AND

UGANDANS WERE VOCAL IN DECLARING THEIR DESIRE NOT TO ALLOW PROBLEM

TO BECOME MORE COMPLICATED. GARBA SAID BOTH PRESIDENT KENYATTA AND IDI AMIN CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD NOTHING AGAINST EACH OTHER. HE SAID THE TWO PRESIDENTS GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THEIR COUNTRIES WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTACK EACH OTHER, AND ADDED THAT NIGERIA WAS VERY HOPEFUL THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD KEEP THE PROMISE.

2. COMMENT. SO-CALLED GRAND DESIGN BY EXTERNAL FORCES TO

SET AFRICAN NATIONS AT LOGGERHEADS PROBABLY INCLUDES VISIT OF U.S. PLANE TO NAIROBI AND FRIGATE TO MOMBASA, RUMSFIELD VISIT AND SALE OF F-5'S TO KENYA. NOTEWORTHY, HOWEVER, THAT /DAILY TIMES/ JULY 19 ALSO CARRIES STORY OF BRITISH PLANS TO SEND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO KENYA FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR AID BY PRESIDENT KENYATTA.
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